REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to eliminate multiple dependent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the title by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Versions with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The title has been amended as follows:

-- PROCESS FOR <u>PREPARATION OF FORMATE ESTERS</u> [PRODUCING FORMIC ESTER] OR METHANOL AND [SYNTHESIS] CATALYST THEREFOR --